

R. I. STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 27, 2014

The Rhode Island State Board of Elections convened at 1:35 PM at the Rhode Island Board of Elections, a quorum included, Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Martin Joyce, Rhoda Perry, Stephen Erickson and Frank Rego were present. Executive Director Robert Kando and legal counsel Raymond Marcaccio were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pierce.

First order of business: The Board voted to approve the minutes for the meetings held on September 17, 2014, and October 8, 2014. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Martin Joyce, Rhoda Perry, Stephen Erickson and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissenting votes, motion passed 6-0.

The minutes for October 22, 2014, were passed since they were not ready.

Next order of business: The Board heard testimony from Campaign Finance Director Richard Thornton, detailing his finding that Mr. Alfred Constantino failed to file an independent expenditure report with the board after making the expenditure in accordance with the statutory requirements, but when the filing requirement was brought to his attention, Mr. Constantino immediately became compliant. Mr. Thornton after noting the immediate compliance of Mr. Costantino recommended that the Board issue a warning. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Martin Joyce, Rhoda Perry, Stephen Erickson and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissenting votes, motion to issue a warning was passed 6-0.

Next order of business: The Board heard testimony from Campaign Finance Director Richard Thornton detailing the complaint against the Providence Firefighters IAFF Local 799 filed by Common Cause Rhode Island. Mr. Thornton noted that since the organization was funding it advocacy through its treasury, the IAFF disclaimer properly its organization and it was his recommendation that the complaint be dismissed. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Martin Joyce, Rhoda Perry, Stephen Erickson and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissenting votes, motion to dismiss passed 6-0.

Next order of business: The Board heard testimony from Campaign Finance Director Richard Thornton detailing the complaint against the American Federation of State and Municipal Employees filed by Common Cause Rhode Island for failing to include in their disclaimer the identity of the top five donors. Mr. Thornton noted that since the organization was funding it advocacy through its treasury, the Federation disclaimer properly its organization and it was his recommendation that the complaint be dismissed. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Martin Joyce,

Rhoda Perry, Stephen Erickson and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissenting votes, motion to dismiss passed 6-0.

Next order of business: The Board heard testimony from Campaign Finance Director Richard Thornton detailing the complaint against the National Association of Realtors filed by Common Cause Rhode Island for failing to name its chief executive officer or equivalent. Mr. Thornton stated that since there are only two officers, the disclaimer was in compliance and recommended that the complaint be dismissed. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Martin Joyce, Rhoda Perry, Stephen Erickson and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissenting votes, motion to dismiss passed 6-0.

- The Board may vote to adopt a staff recommendation to issue a warning to Planned Parenthood Votes! Rhode Island filed by Common Cause Rhode Island.
- The Board may vote to adopt a staff recommendation to issue a warning to Progress Rhode Island filed by Common Cause Rhode Island.
- The Board may hold hearings and vote on a complaint filed by Newport Grand LLC against Citizens Concerned About Casino Gambling.
- The Board may hold hearings and vote on a complaint filed by Citizens Concerned About Casino Gambling against Newport Entertainment and Leisure, LLC a/k/a Jobs for Newport.

First order of business:

At 3:59 PM. the Board voted to adjourn. Chairman Richard Pierce, Vice-Chairman William West, Commissioners Martin Joyce, and Frank Rego all voting in the affirmative, no dissents, motion passed 4-0.